

## MAGAZINES for Children & Young Adults

The following is a basic list of the best-known children's magazines suitable for public libraries. Periodicals with a classroom educational emphasis are not included.

Children's magazines are generally not as important a part of the collection as adult periodicals. Many of them are geared for home purchase with activities such as puzzles and crafts that encourage writing in the magazine. In addition, librarians have found that children are not usually as interested in checking out periodicals as they are other materials, and so many become browsing items within the library. However, the quality in a good number is high and the variety wide; they should have a place in any juvenile collection.

### Children's Magazines:

**AMERICAN GIRL** [www.americangirl.com](http://www.americangirl.com)

Edit: PO Box 620497, Middleton, WI 53592-0497. Phone: (800) 360-1861. 6/yr. Includes articles about girls of today and the past, and fiction for girls ages 7 up.

**APPLESEEDS** [www.cricketmag.com](http://www.cricketmag.com)

A publication of Carus Publishing Co., 30 Grove St., Suite C, Peterborough, NH 03458. Phone: (800) 821-0115. 9/yr. General social studies for ages 7-9. Each themed issue has articles, interviews, stories, puzzles, games, photographs and illustrations.

**ASK** [www.cricketmag.com](http://www.cricketmag.com)

A publication of Carus Publishing Co., 30 Grove St., Suite C, Peterborough, NH 03458. Phone: (800) 821-0115. 9/yr. Arts and sciences for ages 7-10.

**BABYBUG** [www.cricketmag.com](http://www.cricketmag.com)

A publication of Carus Publishing Co., 30 Grove St., Suite C, Peterborough, NH 03458. Phone: (800) 821-0115. 10/yr. This magazine for babies (6 mos. to 2 years) has rhymes and simple stories on sturdy cardboard pages, as well as suggestions for adults "to make read-aloud times even more enjoyable."

**BIG BACKYARD** [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org)

National Wildlife Federation, 11100 Wildlife Center Dr., Reston, VA 20190. Phone: (800) 822-9919. 10/yr. A younger version of "Ranger Rick," aimed at children 3-7, this includes a section for parents and teachers on how to use each issue.

**BOYS' LIFE** [www.boyslife.org](http://www.boyslife.org)

Boy Scouts of America, PO Box 152401, Irving, TX 75015-2401. Phone: (866) 584-6589. 12/yr. Showcases the ideals of scouting; strives to be the national boys' magazine. Emphasizes outdoor activities, but also treats topics such as health, history and hobbies. Available as scout or cub edition.

**CALLIOPE** [www.cricketmag.com](http://www.cricketmag.com)

A publication of Carus Publishing Co., 30 Grove St., Suite C, Peterborough, NH 03458. Phone: (800) 821-0115. 9/yr. Like its sister magazines "Cobblestone" and "Faces," this focuses on one theme per issue. Topics are taken from world history and include such things as "Pharaohs of Egypt" and "Hinduism."

**CLICK** [www.cricketmag.com](http://www.cricketmag.com)

A publication of Carus Publishing Co., 30 Grove St., Suite C, Peterborough, NH 03458. Phone: (800) 821-0115. 9/yr. Aimed at children ages 3-7, this "introduces children to science and nature and the environment" through stories, articles, poems, and activities.

**COBBLESTONE** [www.cricketmag.com](http://www.cricketmag.com)

A publication of Carus Publishing Co., 30 Grove St., Suite C, Peterborough, NH 03458. Phone: (800) 821-0115. 9/yr. Designed to make American history come alive for young people. Each issue focuses on a single theme, such as Colonial Williamsburg, famous battles of the Civil War, the Gold Rush or the Korean War. Back issues, teacher activity guides and an index are available.

**CREATIVE KIDS** [www.prufrock.com](http://www.prufrock.com)

Edit: PO Box 8813, Waco, TX 76714-8813. Phone: (800) 998-2208. 12/yr. Work by and for kids ages 8-14 from all over the country. Includes poetry, art, stories, and photography by children.

**CRICKET** [www.cricketmag.com](http://www.cricketmag.com)

A publication of Carus Publishing Co., 30 Grove St., Suite C, Peterborough, NH 03458. Phone: (800) 821-0115. 9/yr. The only truly literary magazine for children ages 9-14. Contains the work of internationally known writers and illustrators - some reprints and much never-before-published material. Like all of its sister publications, "Cricket" is advertising-free.

**DIG** [www.digonsite.com](http://www.digonsite.com)

A publication of Carus Publishing Co., 30 Grove St., Suite C, Peterborough, NH 03458. Phone: (800) 821-0115. 9/yr. Published in partnership with "Archeology" magazine, this introduces archeology to readers 9-14. Every issue focuses on one theme.

**DISCOVERY GIRLS** [www.discoverygirls.com](http://www.discoverygirls.com)

Discovery Girls Magazine, PO Box 420235, Palm Coast, FL 32142-0235. Phone: (800) 554-8856. 6/yr. A glossy magazine for girls 8-12 years, with articles on sports and fashion, celebrity scoops, advice, plus input and articles by girls.

**FACES** [www.cricketmag.com](http://www.cricketmag.com)

A publication of Carus Publishing Co., 30 Grove St., Suite C, Peterborough, NH 03458. Phone: (800) 821-0115. 9/yr. Subtitled "People, Places and Cultures," this is an anthropology publication for kids. Included are articles by anthropologists and archeologists, legends and folktales, activities and recipes. Each issue focuses on a country, culture, global issue or person of international significance.

**FAMILY FUN** <http://familyfun.go.com/magazine>

Mailbox, Family Fun, 47 Pleasant St., Northampton, MA 01060. A Disney magazine. 10/yr. Contains lots of great ideas for crafts, food, fun and travel. Useful for library programming.

**GIRLS' LIFE** [www.girlslife.com](http://www.girlslife.com)

Edit: 4529 Harford Rd., Baltimore, MD 21214. 6/yr. A glossy magazine for preteens and young teens that includes fiction, fashion and beauty tips, letters, articles and lots of advertisements. Can subscribe to digital or print edition.

**HIGH FIVE** [www.highlights.com](http://www.highlights.com)

Edit: 803 Church St., Honesdale, PA 18431. Phone: (800) 255-9517. Email: [eds@highlights-corp.com](mailto:eds@highlights-corp.com). 12/yr.

**HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHILDREN** [www.highlights.com](http://www.highlights.com)

Edit: 803 Church St., Honesdale, PA 18431. Phone: (800) 255-9517. Email: [eds@highlights-corp.com](mailto:eds@highlights-corp.com) 12/yr. Index in December issue. One of the oldest children's magazines (founded 1946), this is dedicated to "helping children grow in basic skills and knowledge, in creativeness, in ability to think and reason, in sensitivity to others, in high ideals and worthy ways of living." Contents include signed informative material on a wide variety of subject areas, plus games and puzzles. No commercial advertising is used, and "violence is taboo."

**KIDS DISCOVER** [www.kidsdiscover.com](http://www.kidsdiscover.com)

Edit: 192 Lexington Ave., Suite 1003, New York, NY 10016. Phone: (800) 825-2821. 10/yr. Each issue covers a single topic (e.g. pyramids, earthquakes, flight, etc.) and discusses it in a lively, colorful way. Advertisement free, for children 8-12.

**LADYBUG** [www.cricketmag.com](http://www.cricketmag.com)

A publication of Carus Publishing Co., 30 Grove St., Suite C, Peterborough, NH 03458. Phone: (800) 821-0115. 9/yr. Aimed at ages 2-6, this junior version of "Cricket" contains high quality stories, poems, and illustrations, some are reprints, some created new.

**MAGIC DRAGON** [www.magicdragonmagazine.com](http://www.magicdragonmagazine.com)

PO Box 687, Webster, NY 14580. 4/yr. Features writing and art created by children in the elementary grades. Has no advertising.

**MUSE** [www.cricketmag.com](http://www.cricketmag.com)

A publication of Carus Publishing Co., 30 Grove St., Suite C, Peterborough, NH 03458. Phone: (800) 821-0115. 9/yr. This nonfiction magazine for children ages 10 and up bills itself as "the magazine of life, the universe and pie throwing."

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS** [www.kids.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.kids.nationalgeographic.com)

Edit: National Geographic Society, 1145 17th St., NW, Washington, DC 20036. Phone: (800) NGS-Line. 10/yr. Contains staff-written stories about animals, children, and their doings around the world. Same quality of photography as the parent publication.

**NEW MOON GIRL** [www.newmoon.org](http://www.newmoon.org)

New Moon Girl Media, PO Box 161287, Duluth, MN 55816. Phone: (218) 728-5507. 6/yr. A 48-page advertising-free international magazine for girls 8-14. Provides positive female role models and “helps build healthy resistance to gender inequities.”

**NINTENDO POWER** [www.nintendopower.com](http://www.nintendopower.com)

Nintendo Power Magazine, PO Box 5770, Harlan, IA 51593. Phone: (866) 941-8368. 11/yr. Information including tips, game ratings, secret codes, short cuts, “cheats,” maps, tricks, strategies, codes, interviews, articles, and the walkthroughs for Nintendo fans.

**ODYSSEY** [www.odysseymagazine.com](http://www.odysseymagazine.com)

A publication of Carus Publishing Co., 30 Grove St., Suite C, Peterborough, NH 03458. 9/yr. Upbeat, bouncy, but also thoroughly scientific. Each theme-based issue includes articles and activities, the latest on scientific discoveries and a monthly star chart. For children ages 10 years and up.

**PLAYS: THE DRAMA MAGAZINE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE** [www.playsmagazine.com](http://www.playsmagazine.com)

Plays Magazine, PO Box 600160, Newton, MA 02460. Phone: (800) 630-5755. 7/yr. Provides individuals and groups with new royalty-free plays and programs for classroom and assembly use. Includes puppet plays, holiday skits, and plays based on folktales.

**RANGER RICK** [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org)

National Wildlife Federation, 11100 Wildlife Center Dr., Reston, VA 20190-5362. Phone: (800) 822-9919. 10/yr. Designed to give children ages 7 years and up a program of activities and information which will help them to learn about nature and the environment. Writing is factual and photographs are superb.

**SKIPPING STONES: AN INTERNATIONAL MULTICULTURAL MAGAZINE**  
[www.skippingstones.org](http://www.skippingstones.org)

Skipping Stones, Inc., PO Box 3939, Eugene, OR 97403 USA. Phone: (541) 342-4956. 5/yr. A multicultural, nonprofit children’s magazine designed to encourage children from diverse backgrounds to share their experiences, culture and languages. Explores ecological and social issues. Also contains international pen pals, book reviews, news, and a guide for parents and teachers. Printed on recycled paper and distributed worldwide. Format is cluttered, but pieces are interesting.

**SPIDER** [www.cricketmag.com](http://www.cricketmag.com)

A publication of Carus Publishing Co., 30 Grove St., Suite C, Peterborough, NH 03458. Phone: (800) 821-0115. 9/yr. Stories, poems, activities for children ages 6-9. Specially written for new independent readers.

**SPORTS ILLUSTRATED FOR KIDS** [www.sikids.com](http://www.sikids.com)

PO Box 60001, Tampa, FL 33660-0001. Phone: (877) 747-1046. 12/yr. Aimed at 8-13 year olds, this has much material about professional sports, but also features kids.

**STONE SOUP** [www.stonesoup.com](http://www.stonesoup.com)

Stone Soup, PO Box 83, Santa Cruz, CA 95063. Phone: (800) 447-4569. 6/yr. Forty-eight pages of stories, poems, book reviews, and drawings done by children ages 8-13. Includes pieces from other countries, and has pages of suggested writing and art activities.

**WILD ANIMAL BABY** [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org)

National Wildlife Federation, 11100 Wildlife Center Dr., Reston, VA 20190. Phone: (800) 822-9919. 10/yr. For babies and toddlers, this magazine on sturdy pages is for the youngest wildlife lovers.

**ZOOBIES** [www.zoobooks.com](http://www.zoobooks.com)

Wildlife Education, Ltd., 2418 Noyes St., Evanston, IL 60201. Phone: (800) 992-5034. 10/yr. An animal magazine for babies and toddlers. Each issue, on sturdy paper, is on a different animal or topic. Includes language and craft activities.

**ZOOBOOKS** [www.zoobooks.com](http://www.zoobooks.com)

Wildlife Education, Ltd., 2418 Noyes St., Evanston, IL 60201. Phone: (800) 992-5034. 12/yr. For ages 6-12 years, each issue of this periodical is devoted to one animal, so this is a publication to keep for reference as well as browsing. Back issues are available, including some in hardcover.

**ZOOTLES** [www.zoobooks.com](http://www.zoobooks.com)

Wildlife Education, Ltd., 2418 Noyes St., Evanston, IL 60201. Phone: (800) 992-5034. 6/yr. "Zootles" is a magazine about animals for kids ages 3-6. Full of animal fun, and written to be shared with young children: pre-readers and beginning readers. Each issue delivers a featured letter, phonetic sound and number concepts to encourage young scholars.

## Magazines for Teens

Magazines for teens are a more important part of a public library collection than magazines for children. Find out what the kids are interested in (for instance, there may be no wrestling fans, but intense car racing fanatics), and buy accordingly. Many of the magazines teens want are actually published for adults (e.g. sports magazines), so check the content before you order. The titles below are just a sampling of what is available.

**ALTERNATIVE PRESS (AP)** [www.altpress.com](http://www.altpress.com)

1305 West 80<sup>th</sup> St, Suite 214, Cleveland, OH 44102-3045. Phone: (800) 339-2675. Email: [subscriptions@altpress.com](mailto:subscriptions@altpress.com). 12/yr.

**BMX PLUS** [www.bmxplusmag.com](http://www.bmxplusmag.com)

25233 Anza Dr., Valencia, CA 91355. Phone: (800) 767-0345. 12/yr.

**CICADA** [www.cicadamag.com](http://www.cicadamag.com)

A publication of Carus Publishing Co., 30 Grove St., Suite C, Peterborough, NH 03458. Phone: (800) 821-0115. 6/yr. Older cousin to "Cricket," this has a format of 48 pages of fiction and poetry for teens, ages 14 and up.

**GAME INFORMER** [www.gameinformer.com](http://www.gameinformer.com)

Phone: (866) 844-GAME. 12/yr. Features articles, news, strategy and reviews of popular video games and consoles.

**GUITAR PLAYER** [www.guitarplayer.com](http://www.guitarplayer.com)

Phone: (800) 289-9839. 12/yr. Articles about guitar players of all kinds of music from rock to blues to jazz, plus information on gear and how tos.

**J-14** [www.j-14.com](http://www.j-14.com)

270 Sylvan Ave., Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632. 10/yr. Celebrity gossip, photos and posters for young teens.

**JUSTINE** [www.justinemagazine.com](http://www.justinemagazine.com)

Justine Magazine, 6263 Poplar Ave., Suite 1154, Memphis, TN 38119. Phone: (901) 213-8336. 6/yr. “The latest on style, fashion, beauty and the world around you – but in a totally realistic way.” More down to earth and less celebrity-focused than many teen girl magazines.

**MAD MAGAZINE** [www.dccomics.com/mad](http://www.dccomics.com/mad)

Edit: 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. 6/yr. America’s longest running humor magazine (it began in 1952), it is still irreverent and zany.

**PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED** [www.pwi-online.com](http://www.pwi-online.com)

Kappa Publishing Group, Inc., 6198 Butler Pike, Suite 200, Blue Bell, PA 19422. Phone: (215) 461-0583. 6/yr, plus the PWI Almanac (additional cost). Coverage and analysis of recent bouts, interviews with wrestlers, etc.

**SEVENTEEN** [www.seventeen.com](http://www.seventeen.com)

300 West 57<sup>th</sup> St., 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10019. 12/yr. The magazine of choice for young teenage girls. Emphasizes beauty, fashion and romance, but also includes weightier issues and some fiction.

**SKATEBOARDING MAGAZINE** [www.skateboarding.com](http://www.skateboarding.com)

TransWorld Media, 2052 Corte del Nogal Suite 100, Carlsbad, CA 92011. Phone: (760) 722-7777. 12/yr.

**SNOWBOARDING MAGAZINE** [www.transworldsnowboarding.com](http://www.transworldsnowboarding.com)

TransWorld Media, 2052 Corte del Nogal Suite 100, Carlsbad, CA 92011. Phone: (760) 722-7777. 9/yr.

**TEEN INK** [www.teenink.com](http://www.teenink.com)

PO Box 30, Newton, MA 02461. Phone: (617) 964-6800. 10/yr. An oversized magazine published on newsprint, this features all kinds of writing by teens.

**TEEN VOGUE** [www.teenvogue.com](http://www.teenvogue.com)

Conde Nast Publications, Inc., 4 Times Square, New York, NY 10036. Phone: (800) 274-0084. 10/yr. Covers high-end fashion and beauty trends. For those too sophisticated for Seventeen.

**TEEN VOICES** [www.teenvoices.com](http://www.teenvoices.com)

80 Summer St., Suite 400, Boston, MA 02110-1210. Phone: (617) 426-5505. 2/yr. Different from most teen magazines, this focuses on empowerment and social change.

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